

DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION

We, Gurtej Sandhu, a citizen of the United Kingdom, Anand Srinivasan, a citizen of India, and Ravi Iyer, a citizen of India, declare: that we are citizens as stated above; that our residences and post office addresses are 2964 East Parkriver Drive, Boise, Idaho, 83706, 670 South Clearwater, #201, Boise, Idaho, 83712, and 5600 South Fuchsia, Boise, Idaho, 83705, respectively; that we verily believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter of the invention or discovery entitled INTERLEVEL DIELECTRIC STRUCTURE AND METHODS FOR FORMING THE SAME for which a patent is sought and which is described and claimed in the specification attached hereto; that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims referred to, and that we acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Section 1.56(a) of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

We declare further that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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Wherefore, we pray that Letters Patent be granted to us for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

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